(d) and (e) The proposal could not be sanctioned due to paucity of funds.

Damage to National Highway-52 in Assam

3491. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the damage caused to National Highway-52 during the last three years;

(b) the steps taken for repair and improvement of the Highway; and

(c) the action taken by Government to prevent recurrence of such damage?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRYOF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI: (a) National Highway 52 suffered damages like pavements distress in some stretches, minor breaches to embankment, subsidence in approaches to some bridges and damage to a couple of bridges due to heavy rains, traffic and insurgent activities during the last three years.

(b) and (c) Repair to the National Highway has been / is being carried out as per the requirement and availability of funds. Raising and strengthening of the stretches and repairs to the bridges damaged by rains and floods have been taken up. The programme for improvement of riding quality including periodic renewals has also been taken up in a length of 106 km. Besides, the NH 52 in the State of Assam has now been entrusted to Border Roads Organization who have been asked to prepare programme for improvement of the National Highway in a phased manner.

Loans Sanctioned under PMRY

3492. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons who applied for loan under the Pradhan Mantri Rozgar Yojana in each State and Union Territory during the last three years;

(b) the number of applicants who have been provided with loan and the number of applicants awaiting sanction of loan under the scheme; and

(c) the reasons for delay in sanctioning loan and by when all the applicants from U.P. in particular are likely to have the benefit of the scheme?